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Brenda and all,

We just became aware of the Rhinoceros Auklet die off centered from their breeding colony at the mouth of Discovery Bay. Rhinoceros Auklets occupy the highest trophic levels and are concentrated at the mouth of Discovery Bay during their summer breeding season.

Julia Parrish (UW)'s attached Fact Sheet does not believe it is a lack of food. USGS are testing for toxicities. Should there be some coordination with the USFWS, USGS, or WDFW (contacts provided on fact sheet) to alert them Discovery Bay shellfish are showing shell deformities and mortality possibly related to toxicity in the Bay?

Thanks,  
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